

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 314

By Hawk

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Mark Keesecker of Erwin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of John Mark Keesecker; and

WHEREAS, Mark Keesecker was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of East Tennessee State University, Mr. Keesecker served with acumen and alacrity as a realtor, in which position he became a role model for new licensees and seasoned veterans alike due to his high standard of ethics and professional work habits; and

WHEREAS, as a realtor, Mr. Keesecker received some of the highest and most prestigious awards available in the real estate profession, including being named in the *National Association of Realtors* on the thirty super successful individuals list, winning the Century 21 Corporate Centurion Award, and earning Double Centurion Status with Century 21; and

WHEREAS, those who knew him best say that it was not the awards that meant the most to Mr. Keesecker; rather, he cared most about the people he served; and

WHEREAS, Mark Keesecker was involved with giving to many charitable organizations locally, nationally, and internationally; perhaps closest to his heart were his worthy undertakings on behalf of children, such as his leading the effort for Suitcases for Kids; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keesecker was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church in Erwin and Christ Fellowship in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keesecker was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keesecker is survived by his parents, John and Ann Lewis Keesecker; his brother, Matthew Lewis Keesecker; two nephews, Ryan and Jordan Keesecker; one niece, Bethany Keesecker; his aunts and uncles, Irene Keesecker-Gray and her husband, Jerome, A.G. Keesecker and his wife, Carol, Jerry Keesecker and his wife, Anita, Nancy Keesecker Bogart and her husband, Howard Dean, Conrad Keesecker and his wife, Margaret Lee, Katrinka Keesecker Quillen and her husband, Prezzle, Sam Keesecker and his wife, Penny, Michael Keesecker, Steven Keesecker, and George Keesecker and his wife, Teresa; numerous cousins; and several brothers of friendship and love; and

WHEREAS, Mark Keesecker leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Mark Keesecker, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his generous heart, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Keesecker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.